

Amendments to the Specification:

In the Title, if necessary, please amend the title to be:
A PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION COMPRISING A RETRO-IVERSO
ISOMER PEPTIDE ~~PETTIDE~~

On page 1, after the title, please rewrite lines 4 to 14 as follows:

This application is a 371 of PCT/KR03/01017 filed on May 23, 2003, published on December 4, 2003 under publication number WO 03/099315 A1 which claims priority benefits from Great Britain patent application number GB 0211849.5 filed May 23, 2002.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. ~~Technical Field~~ Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to therapeutic peptides that possess inhibitory activity towards elevation of serum triglyceride (triacylglycerol) levels, an unavoidable result that occurs upon ingestion of meals containing high composition of fat. Administration of such peptides before or concomitantly with meals allows for less net absorption of fatty acids into the system, thereby contributing to the prevention of various known cardiovascular diseases as well as obesity-related ailments in general.

2. ~~Background Art~~ Description of the Related Art

On page 2, line 21, please rewrite as follows:

~~Disclosure of the Invention~~ SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On page 2, please delete line 26, that is "Best mode for carrying out the invention".

On page 4, after line 13, please add the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

The above and other features and advantages of the present invention will become more apparent by describing in detail exemplary embodiments thereof with reference to the attached drawing in which:

Figure 1 shows the structural differences between the retro-inverso peptide H-D-R₁-D-R₂-D-R₃-D-R₄-OH (Structure 1) and the end-group modified peptide HO-*m*R₁-D-R₂-D-R₃-*g*R₄-H (Structure II, where *m* and *g* denote malonyl and *gem*-diaminoalkyl residues, respectively).

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

On page 7, after line 30, please add the following:

While the present invention has been particularly shown and described with reference to exemplary embodiments thereof, it will be understood by those of ordinary skill in the art that various changes in form and details may be made therein without departing from the spirit and scope of the present invention as defined by the following claims.